Evasion of Duties/Taxes by M/s Jainsons Aircon (India) Ltd.

1303. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Jainsons Aircon (India) Ltd. 10122, East Park Road, Opposite Filmistan Cinema, New Delhi have improved a large number of units of Oil filled Radiators fully assembled;

(b) if so, what are the details of assignments with custom duty paid during the last one year;

(c) whether there is variation in customs duty paid on each assignment due to concealment of facts; and

(d) whether the company has evaded customs duty, sales tax, Income Tax, excise and other taxes in the import and marketing of these units and if so, what steps are being taken to recover these taxes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Only one consignment containing 1050 pieces has been imported during last one year by M/s Jainsons Aircon (India) Ltd. through ICD, Tughlakabad, New Delhi, on which duty of Rs. 6,86,742/-was paid.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) So far, no evasion of duty/tax has come to notice.

Volatility in Stock Market

1304. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent spurt in the stock market the index crossing 6000 mark;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such an extreme volatility; and

(c) what are its consequences on the Stock Market and what measures were taken by SEBI in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The stock market index has gone

up partly due to enhanced interest in stocks of companies in sectors such as> infotech, communication, entertainment and also global influence on such sectors. Further, the general expectation of positive economic performance, expectation of increased foreign investor interest in Indian markets have also played a role in the rise of the Sensex.

(c) SEBI has put in place risk containment measures by way of margins, capital adequacy and exposure controls. Margins have also been further increased/strengthened to ensure overall safety of the market. SEBI has also alerted the stock exchanges to keep a close watch over the market and take proactive action when required and to closely monitor scrips that show excessive volatility. Investors have also been cautioned to be careful while transacting in such scrips.

Fiscal Deficit

1305. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is not only the burgeoning fiscal deficit, but also the pressing need for the development of the much-neglected social and infrastructure sectors lor which nearly Rs. 2,00,000 crore need to be mobilised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have so far taken or propose to take to meet the existing fiscal imbalance on the one side and at the same time, the pressing need to develop the infrastructure on the other?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) The gross fiscal deficit in 2000-2001 is estimated at Rs. 1,11,275 crore or 5.1 per cent of gross domestic product. The Budget 2000-2001 has been formulated to put India on a sustained equitable and job creating growth path of 7 to 8 per cent per year in order to banish poverty. To achieve this objective the Budget has emphasised/inter-alia the following elements: sustained assult on infrastructure bottlenecks in power, roads ports, telecom, railways and airways; highest priority to human resource development through programmes and policies in education, health and other social services, with special emphasis on the poorest and weakest sections of society; and establish a credible framework of fiscal discipline. With a view to strengthen infrastructure, the central plan outlay has been enhanced for Energy,